SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Weep, as if you thought of laughter! Smile, as tears were coming after! Marry your pleasures to your woes; And think life's green well worth its ros

No sorrow will your heart betide, Without a comfort by its side; The am may sleep in his sea-bed, But you have starlight overhead.

Trust not to Joy! the rose of June. When opened wide, will wither soon; Italian days without twilight. Will turn them suddenly to night.

Joy, most changeful of all things, Filts away on rainbow wings; It is that they are spread to go. And when they look gayest, know, E. B. Browning.

Myers-Gordon.

Myers—Gordon.

The wedding of Miss Annie Pender Gordon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watton Gordon, to Mr. Gaston Lord Myers, of Wilmington, N. C., was gelebrated February Sth, at 9 P. Mr. in Holy Trinity Church, the Rev. Dr. J. J. Gatvait being the celebrant.

Decorations were in palms, white roses and white candles in altar candlesticks. Mr. Herbert Phillips directed the music. At the Gordon home, No. Sc West Franklin Street, where a reception was held after the ceremony, only for the bridal party and a few intimate friends of the brida. Thilow's orchestra rendered a beautiful selection of appropriate airs.

The bride came in with her father, who gave her in marriage. She was gowned in white Messaline, trimmed with rose point lace. Her Jewels were pearls and she carried a shower of lilies of the vestry room to the altar with his brother, Mr. Thomas Myers, who was his best man.

Miss Rebecca Dainserfield Gordon was

man.

Miss Rebecca Daingerfield Gordon was her sister's maid of honor. She wore white liberty silk. Her flowers were white roses. Miss Louise A. Affeld, of New York: Miss Louise A. Affeld, of New York: Miss Elizabeth Martin, of Norfolk; Miss Nanne Clark, of North Carolina; Miss Carrie Myers, the sister of the groom; Miss Nellie Gordon, of Richmond, sister of the bride; Miss Rosalie Shafer, of Richmond; Miss Margaret Strudwick, of North Carolina, and Miss Janie Boyd Neely, of Portsmouth, Va., were the bridesmaids. They made am extremely pretty group in charming tollets of light Line sun-plaited silk, trimmed in white chiffon and pink roses. Their bouquets were of La France roses.

Mrs. Gordon, the bride's mother, wore black chiffon cloth. Mrs. George Pender, of Norfolk, Va., a relative of the bride, attended the ceremony at the church and the reception.

Groomsmen included Mr. T. Garnett Talb, Mr. T. Francis Green and Mr. Selden Walke, of Richmond; the Rev. Alfred Berkeley, Mr. Champ Daves, Mr. Armand De Rosset and Mr. McIntosh, of North Carolina, and Mr. McIntosh, of North Carolina, and Mr. Garner Wood Denmend, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers left last evening for Rebecca Daingerfield Gordon was

and Mrs. Myers let that evening inthern bridge tour. They will make future home in Wilmington, N. C. friends in Richmond extend hearty atulations and best wishes for a t and happy future, Mrs. Myers gr won for herself, by her lovely perity, an enviable position in the esand respect of Richmond society.

Committee to Meet.

The social committee, Richmond Chapter. Daughters of the Confederacy, members of the chapter and all interested in its work, are called to attend a meeting, to be held this forencen at 11 o'cleck, in the home of the committee chairman, No. 108 East Grace Street. A prompt and full attendance is carnestly desired. The social and Soldiers' Home committee will give a St. Valentine's tea at Leo Camp Hall on Monday, February 18th, from 4 to 5 P. M. St. Valentine will be present, and give to each cl d a free valentine. He will also have valentines for sale. Refreshments will be served free.

young people, among which we may men-tion a fishing pond. Home-made candy for sale-St. Valentine's heart to be pierced by the arrow of Love.

The child who makes the best shot

the child who makes the best should be given a protty prize. The tea is given to raise money to buy more than a luxuries for the old solors. The well and the sick will both looked after. The State gives only encessities, and it is very hard to the even those with the small amount five cents dadmission will be

The Annual Tea.

Richmond Chapter, Daughters of onfederacy, gave their annual tea in Camp Hall yesterday, from 5 to 7

inclement weather prevented the ness of the hall and the beauty of the red and white decorations, the Confed-erate idea being carried out in the drap-ing of flags, in flowers and evergreens. Red shaded lights added to the beauty

of the scene.

Ladies receiving were Mrs. Walter Christian, Miss Sally Stewart, of Alexandria, who is the guest of Mrs. Warren, at No. 16 West Grace Street: Mrs. Landstreet, Mrs. Winn. Miss Waldhouer, Mrs. J. H. Timberlake, Miss Harris and Mrs. George A Lyon.

J. H. Timberlake, Miss Harris and Mrs. George A. Lyon. Mrs. Robert Christian was the efficient chairman of the occasion, and with the assistance of an able corps of young ladies did the honors of the tea table in most

did the honors of the tea table in most graceful fashion.

Mr. Garnett played the "Southern Marsellaise"-Dixle-and followed his beginning with a number of beautiful airs. Miss Lucie Morton gave the company the pleasure of hearing her lovely voice in several airs. The reception hours at the tea were characterized by an entire absence of formality, and the pervading presence of good comradeship. Great credit must be accorded Mrs. Christian for the success of the occasion.

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A LITTLE PARABLE.

By ANNE REEVE ALDRICH.

Anne Raeve Aldrich was born in New York in 1866; died there in 1822. She grandniece of James Aldrich, a wall known poet.

MADE the cross myself whose weight Was later laid on me. This thought is torture as I toil Up life's steep Calvary.

To think mine own hands drove the nails! I sang a merry song, And chose the heaviest wood I had To build it firm and strong.

If I had guessed-If I had dreamed Its weight was meant for me, I should have made a lighter cross To bear up Calvary!

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AS THE MAY MORNING

But the Evildoers Brought Be-

fore Him Felt His Heavy

Hand.

The spirit of the Christian Science dis-

Loose Leaf Tobacco Market.

The Beauties of Sicily.

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Tuesday evening last, Miss Maria Blair delightfully entertained a large company of
people gathered in the lecture room of the
'Travels in Sicily.''
Miss Blair in an animated conversational
style told of the beauties and the charms of
that country, as she had seen thom. Her description of Mount Actina, the beauties of the
sumest and a sunrise as viewed from there
were intensely interesting. The lecture was
for the benefit of the Westminater School.
There was no admission fee, but the free will
offering at the door was very graftfying to the
good people who had arranged the charming
entertainment.

Small Fire Losses.

Chief Fuller, of the Fire Department, estimates, the fire losses for 1904 in Richmond at 139,009. This is a splendid showing and is attributed in no small measure to the improvement in the fire and electric departments during the year.

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number of infinited retracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Congdon left for Washington, and upon their return to Hampton wiff be at home to their friends in West Queen Street. Blackford-Thompson.

Lieutenant Charles Blackford, of the Sixth Infantry, United States army, son of Dr. Benjamin Blackford, of Staunton, Va., and Miss Clara Thompson, were married at noon Monday, in And-

over, Mass.
Lieutenant Blackford is well known her and has a large circle of friends who will be interested to hear of his mar-

The young couple will spend in Stauntine at the groom's old home, in Staunton, before leaving for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. They will, remain there, antil March, at which time they go to San Francisco, to sail for the Philippines, where they will spend two years.

Lee-Meade.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Grymes Meade, of White Post, Clarke county, for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Janie Brockenbrough

Ernest contributed just ten bones to the city fund.

Ash Keston, a young white gallant, broke up the furniture in the home of Maude Carlyle and incidentally injured the features of Madge Cash. Ash avowed that his mind was as a blank regarding the whole proceedings. The young woman's eye had a feetin appearance, and Ash himself bore the honorable scars of combat. Ten dollars for Ash.

Macon Sims was charged by Annie Jones with stealing flat irons, glasses and personal apparel. "She is my color, but not my kind." said Macon. "I am janitor of the Immanuel Baptist Church."

"Get out, all ye niggers," said His Honor, and adjourned court. onest tammes in Clarke county, and is a young lady of beauty and charm. Mr. Lee is also of a distinguished Virgina family, and is the owner of "Guilford," a handsome estate, where the couple will make their future home.

Roane-Morrison.

Miss Sallie Roland Morrison and Mr. Harry Ernest Roane were married Tuea-day afternoon in the Rosemont Christian Church, Norfolk, by the Rev. J. W. Bar-

charming young ladies, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morrison, of that

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs Boane of Park Place, Norfolk,

Brown-Campbell.

Miss Janie Keesee Campbell and Mr. Robert Edward Brown, of Arcadia, Fla., were married at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Orr Campbell, in Lexington, Va., yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Rellenting Resembers

Ballentine-Blassenham.

The marriage of Miss Alma Virginia Blassenham and Mr. John Otts Ballentine, both of Newport News, took place Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride on Twenty-sixth Street, Newport News.

The marriage was a very quist offern

J. W. Porter.
Immediately after the ceremony the young couple took the train for Richmond.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. J. Alexander Bumgardner has re-turned after visiting relatives in Staun-

Miss Katherine Clarkson is visiting Miss Mary Sammons, on Twenty-sixth Street, Newport News.

Miss Evelyn Gordon is the guest of Mrs. William Roane Aylett, in Newport News.

. . . Miss Louise Mehurin, of Staunton, is on a short visit to friends in Richmond, whence she will go to New York to continue her art work.

Mrs. Edmonia Johnson, of Newport News, is the guest of friends in the city.

Miss Mary Hunter Bethel, of Danville, Va., is the attractive guest of Miss Mury Drake.

Miss Lanahan, of Baltimore, who is visiting Miss Sophic White, is quite as much of a Richmond belle as she has always been in the Monumental City. She was one of the handsomest young ladies at the beautiful cotilion, given this week, by the Tuesday Club.

Miss Virginia Tyson, of Baltimore, who is spending some time with Mrs. Satterfield in Richmond, has received a flattering degree of attention during her stay. She is one of the most popular of the out-of-town ignests in Richmond this genson.

Friends of Miss Louise Herbert are glad to note her recent return from a visit to friends in Norfolk and at the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Witcher Jones, of Sait Lake City. Utah, is visiting her brother, Mr. Pres-ton Belvin, at No. 1996 West Grace Street. Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne has been in Washington, D. C., for the last few days.

days.

Miss Hazel Myer, who was operated on at the Virginia Hospital two weeks ago, has sufficiently pecoyered to be able to return to her home, No. 160 East

THE DARROW ENIGMA.

By MELVIN L. SEVERY.

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CHAPTER L-(Continued.)

Ragobah broke the silence. "You have

a stone into this well it is several sec-onds before you hear the splash, and there is a saying hereabouts that it is bottom-

onds before you hear the splash, and there is a saying hereabouts that it is bottom-less. I am currious to know if this be true, and I am going to send you to see. Of course, if the story is well founded, I shall not expect you to come back. That would be unreasonable, Sahib."

All this was said with a refined sarcasm which maddened me, and as he concluded he began to edge stentially toward me. Se strong is the institute of self-preservation within us that I dead of langing himself, would struggle may for his life were someone else to foreibly adjust the nease about his neck. A all events, I found myself unwilling, at the last morhent, to have someone clasments, I found myself unwilling, at the last morhent, to have someone clasment he into eternity, and, as I wished to escape, I said to him:

"Why do you bear me such malica? Can you not see that any injury I may have done you was purely in self-defense? You sought the quarrel, and I took the only means at hand to protect myself. I did not, as you know, seek to kill you, a thing I could easily have done, but was content merely to make good my escape.

"Bah!" he said, interrupting me say.

move the accursed spen you have thrown upon her."

Had he advanced upon me at this moment he would have found me as helpless as a child, so overcome was I by the sudden loy which seized upon me and seemed to turn my melancholy inside out. Those words of haved had been as a torch illumining the gloom of my despair, for they had shown me that my existence was not altogether barren and unproductive. The life which has known the heaven of true love cannot be called a failure. There is no, wall so high, no distince so great, no separation so complete as to dety the inseffable commerce of two loving hearist. Löna, then, was still mine, despite all obstacles. What a change this knowledge made. In an instant life became an inexpressible beneficially in the standard of the control of the commerce of two loving hearist. Löna, then, was still mine, despite all obstacles. What a change this knowledge made. In an instant life became an inexpressible beneficially the standard of the control of the commerce of two loving hearists. The mode death was dowered with a new horror—tie fear that I should cease to know it.

I was roughly stroughed from my reflections by Rama Ragobah, "Come, Sahib," he said, as his thick lips curied sneeringly "sappose you try your spells upon me. You will never have a better chance than now to show your power," and again he made a slight movement toward me with the reaming knife. The moon, low down upon the horizon, sent a broad beam of light into the entrance of the, cave and over the head and shoulders of the Indian. Its cold light shiumored along the blade which was now held threateningly toward me. The crisis had been reached.

In times of such 'gaseat urgency one has frequently an inspiration—instantaneous, disconnected, unbidden—which no amount of reasoning too rapid for consciouses to note. The Indian had already lial bare his right arm, to the elbow before.

Loose Leaf Tobacco Market.

The threatened thaw allowed some leaf tobacco to find its way to market yesterday,
and all the warehouses had small sales. All
good offered were in demand and brought outside figures. A few extra good piles of suncurred wrappers were run up to \$34 and \$55
at Shockoe, and at Crenshaw's two piles
brought 156 and \$31, respectively. Some good
fillers brought \$14.

The sales to-day, which will wind up the
week's work, will be small, perhaps as small
as yesterday, but each house will have something to offer and some them will obutless put out a few extra good sun-cured lots.

The sales will as Shckoe; third, at
Crenshaw's, and fourth, at Shckoe;

ward to let the hal pass over him. His position could not have been better for any purpose. I "swung on him," as we used to say at the gynnslum, catching him under his protruded Jaw, not far from the region of the carotid artery. The blow was well placed, and desperation lent me phenomenal strength. It raises him bodily off his feet and hurled him backward out of the cave, where he law motionless. He was now in my power. I selzed the kinffe and bent over him. Words cannot express the hatred, the loathing I felt for him then and always. Between me and the light of my happiness he had over stood, an imponstrable black mass. Twice had he sought my life, yet now, when he was in my power. I could not plunge his weapon into his heart. Would it not be just, I thought, to drag him into the cave and hurl him down the abyes he had intended for me? Yes, he certainly merited it, yet I could not do that either. I wished the snake a timp into the farth.

He was beginnig to slightly move now, and something must be done. It was uscless to run fine the way was long and lie could early overtake me, you may wonder why I did not take to the thicket, but if you had voor had any would know that, without the use of fire and axe, they are practiculty impenetrable. Professor Hackiek, botanishing near the same spot, spent an hour in an endeavor to force his way into one of fithese jungles, but only succeeded hit, dwancing a few stops linto the thicket, but if you had voor had any experience with Indian Jungles you would know that, without the use of fire and axe, they are practiculty impenetrable. Professor Hackiek, botanishing near the same spot, spent an hour in an endeavor to force his way into one of chess jungles, but only succeeded hit, dwancing a few stops linto the thicket, but if you had ever had any experience with I had no hour in a near the proper had a not provided by the constitution of his elective man and myriad other jungle plants, he was obliged, atterly discoming the first part of the plants of the plants had not cont

shricked from the back of his throat.

"You infidel cur! You may as well try
to brish away the Himalayas with a slik
harbachict as to escripe the wrath of
Rama Rugobahl Gol Bury yourself in
schusion at the farthernost cornor of
the carth, and on one night Ragobah and
the darkness shall be with you!

These were the last words this flend
incurnate ever spoke to me, but I know
they are prophetic and that he will keep
his cath.

The next day I learned that Lona was
dead. She had died with my name upon
hor lips, and her secret—the explanation
of her strange conduct on the tright—
died with her. I shall never know it.
Eliterly did I repent my inability to
reach her. The thought that with her last
breath she had called upon me, and I
had answered not, was unendurable torture, and I fied India and came to Amertea in the futile orderwor to forget it
ail. Out of my black past there shone
but one bright stur—hor love! All these
long years have I oriented my soul by
that sweet, unforgettable radiance, prizing if above a galaxy of lesser joys.

"There is little more to be said. I shall
meet my death as I have stated—I am
sure of it—and no man will see the blow
given. Remember, as I loved that Indian
mot child, so I joathe my rival what a
hatred infinite and all-consuming; for,
somehow, I know that denon crushed out
the life of my fragile lotts flower. He
will work his will upon me, but if his
counting enable lift to escape the gallows, my soul, iff there be a consclus
hereafter, will never rest in peace. Remember this, my dear child, and your
promise, that God may bless you, even
as I bless you.

It was some tiline after Gwen had finished this interesting document before
any of us spoke. The narrative and the
peculiar circumstances under which lift
ind been read deeply impressed us. At
length Maitland said in a subdued vote,
as If he feared to break some spell:

"The Indian gir's letter; to us find
that, and also
Gwen, he said: "I will keep it, with
your permission, Now for the will," it
was handed to him, and d

bey, or, for that matter, even at Bomphay in the presence of our recent acquaintance, Ragobah."

"I deeply appreciate," she replied, "the
generous sacrifice you would make in my
interests—but Bombay is such a long
way—and—
"It suspicion directed me to the North
Pole," he interrupted, "I should start
with equal alacrity," and he held out his
hand to her to bid her farewell. She
took it in a way that bespoke a world of
gratitude, if nothing more. He retained
the small hand, while he said: "Have you
forgotten, my friend, your promise to
your father? Do you not see in what to
your father? Do you not see in what to
your father? Do you not see in what to
your father you you me becoming indebted to one unmanily enough to take
advantage of your position. I shail use
every means within my power to mysel
discover your father's murderer, and you
may comfort yourself with the assurance
that, if successful, I shail make no demand of any kind whatsoever non your
gratitude. I think you understand me.

As he said this Gwen looked him full
in the face. A little nervous tremor
seized the corners of her mouth, and the
tears sprang to her eyes, "Good-bye,"
was all she could say before she was
compelled to, turn aside to conceal her
emotion.

Matiand, observing her agitation, said
to her tenderly: "Your gratitude for the
little that I have already done is reward
more than ample for all I shail ever be
able to de. Good-bye," and he left the
room.

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